

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment and the reconsideration of the claims. The specification has been amended to update the cross-reference information and to identify Figures 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D and 5E. No new matter has been added through the amendments. Claims 27-46 are pending in the application. Please confirm that Claim 1 has been canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending objections and rejection.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects claims 27-46 for obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,312,948. The Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with this Amendment to obviate the double patenting rejection. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe that all claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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